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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 08-2290. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.*

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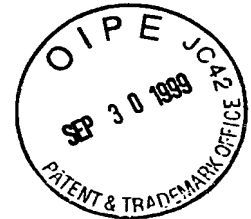
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According to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)



Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed according to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

REMARKS

The following references are listed on the PTO 1449 form enclosed herewith. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed herewith.

Japanese Patent No. 54-103513 dated August 15, 1979.

Japanese Patent No. 4-342966 dated November 30, 1992.

Japanese Patent No. 7-105935 dated April 21, 1995.

Japanese Patent No. 7-335221 dated December 22, 1995.

Japanese Patent No. 8-250122 dated September 27, 1996.

These documents may have markings thereon, but no significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

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